

**Distance Learning and Telemedicine Awards  
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AR	Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts	\$499,905	DL	Funds will be used to purchase servers and video application software for a distance learning hub at the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts in Hot Springs. The project will focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics classes for high school students in the Delta region.
CA	Butte County Office of Education	\$284,239	DL	Funds will be used to purchase components for a video teleconferencing and distance learning system for a multi-county partnership of schools, hosted by Butte County Office of Education. As a solution to overcome budget cuts in education, a teacher shortage and other challenges, the distance learning system will leverage and improve the existing resource of teachers in this Northern California territory and provide a platform for collaboration and professional development. Over 3700 students per year will benefit from the panorama of learning possibilities that the system will open up. Schools in Gridley, Oroville, Berry Creek, Los Molinos, Hay Fork, Weaverville, Bridgeville, Greenville, Portola, Quincy, and Chester will receive video teleconferencing equipment, while the Butte County Office of Education in Oroville will receive video system management equipment.
GA	South Georgia Governmental Service Authority	\$496,727	DL	Funds will be used to purchase distance learning equipment for public schools in Mitchell, Worth, Baker and Laurens Counties, and their host hub sites in Thomasville and Atlanta. The South Georgia Governmental Services Authority will use distance learning as a new way to teach Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.
ID	Idaho Department of Administration	\$498,627	DL	Funds will be used by the Idaho Education Network to purchase distance learning equipment for K-8 schools in 62 of Idaho's most rural and economically challenged communities. The distance learning equipment will be used to train emergency service personnel after school hours.
KS	Southwest Kansas Educational Consortium	\$426,675	DL	Funds will be used to restore a distance learning system for the Southwest Kansas Educational Consortium. The project will establish connections to Pratt Community College and Seward County Community College. It will offer new opportunities in technical skills and certification. More than 400 students and 130 teachers will use the system each year.

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ME	Maine School Administrative District #37	\$490,625	DL	Funds will be used to acquire equipment and software for a distance learning connection between the Maine School Administrative District 37 and the Machias Bay Area School System. The new equipment will give students a wider range of classes and teachers. Adult education, professional development and public service classes will also be carried on the system.
ME	Maine School Administration District #54	\$499,278	DL	Funds will be used to purchase equipment for a laptop-based distance learning system. The initiative is intended to increase elementary, middle and high school students' knowledge and practice of important health and wellness concepts. The project will involve 22 schools serving nearly 6,500 students, 575 teachers, 13,000 parents and more than 33,000 community members.
MN	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	\$500,000	DL	Funds will be used to link Leech Lake Tribal College, the Red Lake Nation College and the White Earth Tribal Community College with Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College. These Native American colleges currently have no existing or functioning interactive distance learning equipment. The new connections will give students access to industry-driven certification training, bachelor's degrees and specialized associates degrees not available at their home colleges.
MN	East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative	\$238,294	DL	Funds will be used to update a video conferencing system between the Cable Cooperative, Pine Technical College, the East Central Regional Library System and several sites at the Mille Lacs Reservation. The system will host a variety of courses, such as dual credit and certification courses, and will support one-to-one tutoring, mentoring and the preservation and development of Ojibwe language and culture.
MN	Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Public Schools	\$99,103	DL	Funds will be used to purchase distance learning equipment and software for five rural school districts in Southwest Minnesota. Public schools in Tyler, Hendricks, Russell, Lynd and Ruthton will be united into a single virtual campus. Through a partnership with Southwest Minnesota State University, programs will be offered in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, and vocational training courses and certification.

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MS	Jefferson Davis County School District	\$499,215	DL	Funds will be used to help Jefferson Davis County Schools, Hazlehurst City Schools and Pearl River Community College purchase equipment and software for a distance learning video network. School programs will be coordinated into virtual classes, using instructors and curricula from Pearl River Community College, especially in the area of vocational programs and other career pathways.
NE	Educational Service Unit #16	\$399,988	DL	Funds will be used to upgrade distance learning equipment and acquire educational software for Educational Service Unit 16, which spans more than 17,000 square miles. This project will replace outdated equipment, introduce new learning concepts and increase the use of project-based learning activities.
NE	Educational Service Unit #8	\$287,442	DL	Funds will be used to update distance learning equipment and connect 30 schools in Northeast Nebraska to Northeast Community College. Students will be able to get advance placement classes, dual credit courses and job skills training.
NE	Educational Service Unit #13	\$500,000	DL	Funds will be used to connect schools to the distance learning video network. Schools in Alliance, Bayard, Bridgeport, Chadron, Crawford, Chappell, Dalton, Gering, Gordon, Hay Springs, Hemingford, Kimball, Lodgepole, Lewellen, Oshkosh, Minatare and others will benefit from a host of new educational content. This will include curricula in modern agriculture and agri-business, and enable and training from the Future Farmers of America.
NY	Otsego Northern Catskills Board of Cooperative Educational Services	\$379,598	DL	Funds will be used to upgrade and expand a distance learning system at 11 sites in the Catskills region of central New York.
NY	Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services	\$218,787	DL	Funds will be used to provide teleconferencing equipment for the Cattaraugus Allegany Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The project will deliver distance learning capabilities between Cattaraugus' main facility and 19 K-12 rural schools. Schools will be able to share teachers, offer new classes and capture live classes for playback.
NY	St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services	\$500,000	DL	Funds will be used to replace video teleconferencing equipment at 14 sites and install equipment at four new sites. The new distance learning system will consolidate low-demand courses, offer advanced placement courses and enrichment programs, support individualized learning and special needs, and provide teacher training, continuing education and adult learning. The program serves 10 school districts in New York's North Country.

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OH	South Central Ohio Computer Association	\$183,995	DL	Funds will be used to connect 20 high schools throughout Southern Ohio. The project will match students with successful careers in high technology through a mentoring program using advanced communications technology.
OK	Arkoma School District	\$393,333	DL	Funds will be used to acquire distance learning equipment and software for the Arkoma School District and the neighboring school districts of Beggs, Hanna, Atoka and Rattan. The University of Arkansas-Fort Smith will provide video communications management, content management and other centralized functions. The distance learning system will link to Native Homeland projects including the Lana'i Cultural & Heritage Center in Lana'i City, Hawaii; the Chevak School District in Chevak, Alaska; and the nearby Cherokee Heritage Center, which will allow students and their families to share their native cultures and learn about others.
OK	McAlester Public School	\$336,543	DL	Funds will be used to purchase distance learning equipment and software for seven school districts in Eastern Oklahoma. The technology will link these school districts into one virtual campus.
TX	Region XIV Education Service Center	\$288,192	DL	Funds will be used to provide video teleconferencing among Cisco College, Ranger College and Western Texas College in a 15-county area. The emphasis will be on career-oriented classes primarily for high-demand local careers.
WA	Kiona Benton School District	\$168,473	DL	Funds will be used to purchase distance learning video teleconferencing equipment. A variety of display and system types will be used, from large desktop units and mobile carts to laptops.
WI	Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10	\$329,167	DL	Funds will be used to update and expand the distance learning network at 16 sites spanning six counties in sparsely populated, rural west central Wisconsin. Sites will receive new video teleconferencing units. Academic courses will focus on supporting non-traditional styles of learning, improving critical thinking skills and raising student achievement and teacher effectiveness.

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WI	Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10	\$297,340	DL	Funds will be used to update and expand the distance learning network at 17 sites spanning six counties in sparsely populated, rural west central Wisconsin. Sites will offer programs to spawn student motivation, support non-traditional styles of learning, improve critical thinking skills and raise student achievement. The initiative will also focus on college readiness, workplace skills development, and a special training program for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel.
WV	Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College	\$215,620	DL	Funds will be used to expand the distance learning system at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College. The College will offer courses and workforce development programs to high schools. The system will also host forums to promote community leadership and business development courses.
AK	Chugachmiut	\$180,656	TM	Funds will be used to re-establish a telemedicine network between Native village sites in the Chugach region and offices in Seward and Anchorage. Clinics in the villages of Tatitlek, Chenega, Port Graham and Nanwalek will be linked with Anchorage and the North Star Clinic.
AK	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	\$114,842	TM	Funds will be used to purchase video conferencing equipment systems for virtual sessions between patients and health care providers. It is projected that nearly 3,200 people will benefit in the first year alone. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium includes nine organizations that deliver innovative telehealth solutions throughout the Alaska Federal Health Care system.
AZ	Flagstaff Medical Center, Inc.	\$129,412	TM	Funds will be used to purchase digital electronics and software for a telemedicine system linking the Flagstaff medical center with clinics in Coconino, Apache, Mohave and Navajo Counties. This system will connect local caregivers and their patients with specialists at Flagstaff.
KY	Norton Healthcare Foundation	\$259,607	TM	Funds will be used to expand the Norton Rural Medicine Initiative. The equipment will allow Norton physicians and other medical specialists in Louisville to consult medical staff and their patients at Breckinridge Health and Westlake Regional Hospitals in Kentucky; and Scott Memorial Hospital in Indiana. With the telemedicine network, patients no longer will have to travel for pulmonary, cardiology, neurology, infectious disease and critical care.

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ME	Community Health & Counseling Services	\$103,235	TM	Funds will be used to purchase in-home patient monitors, medication dispensers and screening monitors for Community Health and Counseling Services, which serves patients in Piscataquis and Washington counties with congestive heart failure, medication compliance issues, patients who need speech pathology to address swallowing disorders. The project is expected to reduce preventable hospital visits and emergency room visits, saving time and money.
MO	Ozarks Medical Center	\$274,638	TM	Funds will be used to buy equipment to expand medical services to Ozarks Medical Center's four hospitals and nine clinics. Services will include tele-stroke, tele-psychiatry, tele-speech therapy and tele-dermatology.
MO	Harrison County Community Hospital District	\$500,000	TM	Funds will be used to purchase software and equipment for Harrison County's teleradiology system. A Radiology Information System will be purchased to connect end-user workstations at clinics in Princeton, Cainsville and Bethany. The project will also fund a new telemedicine unit for the hospital's outpatient clinic. The hospital will be able to improve operations in several departments, including emergency, respiratory therapy and cardiac rehabilitation.
MO	Mercy Health	\$382,748	TM	Funds will be used to purchase equipment and devices for exam rooms in 11 sites in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Physicians and other medical specialists at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis will use the audio/video equipment for face-to-face consultations, observation and diagnosis, and treatment planning.
MS	University of Mississippi Medical Center	\$378,360	TM	Funds will help a consortium of rural hospitals in Mississippi acquire high-definition video teleconferencing units for their emergency rooms, and mobile units for ambulatory care at each hospital. The University of Mississippi Medical Center will make specialists and medical personnel available through the video network to respond interactively to live emergencies from any of the participating sites.
NC	Grandfather Home for Children, Inc.	\$393,368	TM	Funds will be used to install video teleconferencing equipment. Grandfather Home is a facility in Banner Elk, N.C., for abused and neglected children. Video conferencing will provide critical therapeutic services for children and a direct line of communication between children and their foster parents.

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NH	Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	\$498,356	TM	Funds will be used to purchase equipment and software to expand the telemedicine network at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital to new sites in New Hampshire and Vermont. After this expansion is deployed, the system is projected to provide medical expertise for more than 5,000 rural residents.
NH	Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	\$500,000	TM	Funds will be used to purchase telemedical carts and related equipment for 18 rural sites. The participating sites include rural acute care hospitals, ambulatory care sites, rehabilitation sites and behavioral health centers in Woodsville, Littleton, Greenfield, Colebrook, New London, Whitefield, Lancaster and Groveton.
SC	Hampton Regional Medical Center	\$249,162	TM	Funds will be used to purchase a variety of video teleconferencing equipment and digital exam devices for the medical center and nine end-user sites. Roper St. Francis Hospital in Charleston will serve as a hub site for medical specialists and video system management. The video teleconferencing platform will allow face-to-face consultations between patients and physicians and between local health care providers and medical staff at the hub site.
WA	Kadlec Regional Medical Center	\$329,269	TM	Funds will be used to purchase telemedicine equipment for a consortium of 12 health care organizations serving 19 sites at rural clinics along the Columbia River in Eastern Oregon and Washington. The Medical Center and participating hospitals will offer a comprehensive array of services and consultations.
WV	Davis Memorial Hospital	\$74,189	TM	Funds will be used to establish telemedicine consultations between physicians at Davis Memorial Hospital and the Cortland Acres (Tucker County), Pendleton Manor (Pendleton County) and Mansfield Place (Barbour County) nursing homes. Physicians will be equipped with iPads and video-enabling software to increase their availability to observe and provide diagnosis for residents and patients.
KS	KVC Health Systems, Inc.	\$330,695	Combo	Funds will be used to purchase 400 iPads which will be placed in the homes of KVC foster children and their foster families, the video bridge equipment that will support the communications with a multi-device platform, and other video teleconferencing equipment suited to the 500 professional services that provide behavioral health therapy for the foster children and families. The equipment which enables this communications system will also provide direct, required, continuing education for foster parents, KVC professional staff and KVC's community partners.

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MO	Citizens Memorial Hospital District	\$175,989	Combo	Funds will be used to provide telemedicine equipment for a partnership led by Citizens Memorial Hospital. The hospital and its hub partners will provide telemedicine services to rural clinics in Pleasant Hope, Rockville, El Dorado Springs, Stockton, Greenfield, Buffalo, Montrose, Wheatland, Hermitage, Humansville, Appleton City and Deepwater.
MT	Kalispell Regional Medical Center	\$363,326	Combo	Funds will be used to help Kalispell Regional Medical Center provide 24/7 telemedicine consultation services in its nine-county area. The equipment will create a telemedicine service among the Western Montana Tele-neurology Network, Kalispell Regional Medical Center and critical access hospitals in the region.
NY	Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services	\$487,267	Combo	Funds will be used to purchase video teleconferencing units for 37 schools in the Jefferson Lewis Hamilton Herkimer Oneida jurisdiction, 15 of which have never been connected to a distance learning system before. LeMoyne College in Syracuse, Clarkson University in Potsdam, Jefferson Community College in Watertown, and the Syracuse University School of Medicine will be part of the teleconference network.
OK	Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center	\$500,000	Combo	Funds will be used to purchase state-of-the-art digital equipment and software for a telemedicine initiative hosted by the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center. The initiative will use video teleconferencing to offer geriatric services to Choctaw Nation clinical sites -- including Stilwell Community Hospital -- and Choctaw clinics in Hugo, Broken Bow, Stigler, Idabel, Talihina and Atoka, and general services to health care facilities in Fort Cobb, Grandfield and Tipton.
SC	South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice	\$196,809	Combo	Funds will be used to provide video teleconferencing systems for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. The equipment will give students a better chance of obtaining work skills and higher education opportunities.



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SD	Avera Health	\$294,586	Combo	Funds will be used to purchase equipment and software to expand and improve Avera's video telemedicine network, which connects 32 rural clinics and hospitals in South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. Participating clinics will receive telephonic stethoscopes and other devices for their video-equipped exam rooms. The technology will give health providers and patients real-time, face-to-face consultations with specialized physicians at the hub hospitals in Sioux Falls, Marshall and Pierre. The system will double as an instructional medium so rural health providers can receive medical education and mentoring.
WA	Confluence Health	\$331,935	Combo	Funds will help the Access Confluence Health Education Network link eight sites in four counties in north central Washington. The Wenatchee Valley Medical Center and Central Washington Hospital will lend medical expertise to connect six rural health clinics with video conferencing so physicians can provide exams and consultations at a distance.

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